

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A motion compensation apparatus to provide block-based motion compensation, and a method thereof. A first motion compensation interpolator calculates a first interpolation pixel by reading a first and a second pixel corresponding to a motion vector of an estimated current block respectively from a current and a previous frame or field. A second motion compensation interpolator calculates a second interpolation pixel by reading a third and a fourth pixel corresponding to a motion vector of peripheral blocks adjacent to the current block respectively from the inputted current and previous frame or field. A candidate interpolation pixel calculator calculates a candidate interpolation pixel by allocating a predetermined weight to the first and the second interpolation pixels, among the current blocks. A motion analyzer analyzes the motion vectors of the current block and the peripheral blocks, and determines discontinuities between the blocks. A final interpolation pixel selector selects either of the first interpolation pixel and the candidate interpolation pixel as a final interpolation pixel, according to the discontinuities determined at the motion analyzer. Accordingly, by applying an overlap block motion compensation according to discontinuities between the current and the peripheral blocks, an image can be provided in which the block artifacts are removed or reduced.